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DRUG ADDICTION
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drug addicts identified by the Government during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether majority of them are youths; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to de-addict the youths?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a), (b) & (c) There has been no survey to determine the number of addicts state-wise. However the different studies and reports indicate incidence of drug abuse in the age group of 16-35 years. The Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse is being implemented by the Ministry, wherein financial assistance of about Rs. 20 crores is being provided, every year, to about 450 Non Government Organizations for preventive education, awareness generation, counseling, treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts or those abusing drugs.